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SUBJECT: KING HUSSEIN'S VISIT: MISCELLANEOUS

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1. FOLLOWING ARE ANSWERS TO SOME OF QUESTIONS POSED IN REFTELS:

A. QUEEN'S SCHEDULE IS BEING DEVELOPED IN ACCORD WITH SUGGESTIONS FORWARDED BY YOU OR AMB SALAH. WILL SHORTLY FORWARD TENTATIVE SCHEDULES FOR KING AND QUEEN WHEN PLANNING IS FURTHER ADVANCED.

B. ATTIRE AT STATE DINNER: WHITE HOUSE STATE DINNER WILL BE BLACK TIE. TIARAS AND DECORATIONS ARE NOT WORN. FYI: HOWEVER, IF IT IS IMPORTANT TO HER MAJESTY TO WEAR HER TIARA AS A BADGE OF STATION, SHE CERTAINLY MAY DO SO. END FYI.
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LADIES WOULD WEAR LONG, FORMAL DRESSES.

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C. AIRCRAFT. KING HUSSEIN WILL HAVE USE OF USAF VC-9 (A DC-9 WITH VIP CONFIGURATION) FOR VISITS TO CHICAGO, NEW ORLEANS, AND SAN FRANCISCO, BUT WE HAVE NOT WORKED OUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR SAN FRANCISCO-LOS ANGELES LINK.

D. HOTEL BILLS. AMBASSADOR SALAH FULLY UNDERSTANDS THAT PARTY WILL BE PAYING ITS HOTEL BILLS IN CITIES KING WILL VISIT. INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS TULANE WILL OF COURSE BE HOSTING SOME SOCIAL EVENTS FOR KING.

E. GIFTS. JORDANIAN AUTHORITIES SHOULD BE MADE AWARE THAT FEDERAL OFFICIALS AND THEIR SPOUSES, INCLUDING PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD, MAY NOT RETAIN POSSESSION OF GIFTS FROM FOREIGN OFFICIALS BUT MUST PLACE THEM IN GOVERNMENT CUSTODY. FYI; OUR PRACTICE IS NOT RPT NOT TO ENCOURAGE BRINGING OF GIFTS FOR THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD. IF OFFICIAL GUESTS DO PRESENT GIFTS, SUITABLE GIFTS ARE GIVEN IN RETURN. WE ARE RECOMMENDING TO WHITE HOUSE THAT IF IT IS NECESSARY TO RECIPROCATE WE BE PREPARED TO GIVE GIFTS TO THE KING, THE QUEEN, AND PRINCESS ALIA. (WE ARE RECOMMENDING SKI EQUIPMENT FOR ALL THREE). END FYI. PLEASE ADVISE IF JORDANIANS PLANNING TO BRING GIFTS. SHOULD WE ANTICIPATE THAT GIFTS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE SECRETARY AND MRS. KISSINGER? PLEASE ADVISE.

F. STOPOVER IN JACKSONVILLE AT RAYMOND MASONS. OVERNIGHT STOP MARCH 24 IN JACKSONVILLE ENROUTE MEXICO CITY IS DEFINITE. KING, QUEEN, PRINCESS ALIA, PRINCESS BASMAH, PRINCE RAAD, THE RIFAIS, THE BIN SHAKIRS, DR. HANNA ODEH, YANAL HIKMAT, BRIG. DR. FARAJ, LT. COL. KASAB, CAPT. DAGHESTANI AND LT. COL ZAZA WILL STAY AT MASON RESIDENCE, WHICH IS LARGE ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE THEM COMFORTABLY. REST OF PARTY WILL STAY IN A HOTEL. KISSINGER

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